



Serving as manager for the Statewide Transportation System  
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Notice to the parent/guardian of:

**Student Name**      **AM Bus number:** xxxx **PM bus number:** xxxx

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because your student rides a school bus that is included in the state's out-of-district statewide student transportation system. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of the inclement weather policies for this system. Many of the policies are consistent with your past transportation experience but some may be different because there are students from **multiple school districts** on many of the statewide buses. Please read the policies below. In order to avoid confusion and errors during inclement weather, it is imperative that schools, parents, and guardians understand and comply with the policies.

**School Closing:** If **either** your resident public school district **or** your student's destination school district is closed then there will be **no** school bus transportation provided that day. If your student's school of attendance makes the choice to stay open during inclement weather, even though the district it resides within is closed, then please note that there will be **no** school bus transportation provided that day.

**School Delay:** Since students from multiple districts may ride on your child's bus in the morning, if **any sending district** represented on that bus is delayed then all students riding that bus will be on a delayed schedule following the latest district delay time (i.e. If one district on your student's route has a one hour delay and another has a two hour delay, everyone on the route will follow the two hour delay.) On our web site you will find a link to our inclement weather policy. Under this policy are lists of schools and the corresponding bus routes that serve each school. Note that morning and afternoon route numbers differ. You will also see what other districts are on your bus route. **Check the status of each of the districts on your route** to determine if your child's bus will be delayed during inclement weather.

The link to our website is:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Finance/Transportation/default.aspx>

**Early Release:** Since students from multiple districts may ride your child's bus home, if **any receiving district** represented on your student's bus releases early then all students on that bus will be released early following the district with the earliest release time (i.e., If one district on your route releases at noon and another at 1:00pm, then the bus will follow the noon release time.) Again, your particular bus and all the districts represented on it can be found on the website. You must **check the status of each of the districts on your route** to determine if your child has an early release.

Also be aware that if the **district** your child's **school of attendance** is in releases early, the students from your school riding statewide buses will be released early. **If an individual school makes the choice to release early, even though the district it resides in is not releasing early, buses will arrive at the school and get students home at their regular time, not early. The parent/guardian is responsible to plan accordingly for this situation.**

### **Where to find Inclement Weather information:**

Public school districts post school closings, delays and early releases on the following:

- NBC Channel 10 Providence weather page closing/delays tab or direct link  
<http://www2.turnto10.com/jar/weather/>
- ABC Channel 6 providence weather page closing tab or direct link  
<http://www.abc6.com/weather/closings>
- Local radio stations

Please check these sites and/or your local radio stations for the status of districts and schools. Please also remember to check the status of the districts represented on your student's bus, as well as the district your child's school of attendance is located within, in order to determine your student's transportation status. The school your child attends will also have this information and will know which districts are represented on a given bus route.

If you have any questions please call the TransPar System Manager Office at 401-222-5024.

Your child's safe transportation to and from school is our top priority.

Paul Larson, General Manager  
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